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Schneider, 2,838,956 discloses a variable throw crank having a detent 29 engageable with recesses 26. While the degree of eccentricity can be adjusted, the plate elements utilized with the invention are not disclosed, and this type of arrangement would not permit the "self-centering" achievable with the invention.


Smith, 2,900,127 discloses an oscillating clutch arrangement which uses principles completely different than those employed in the instant invention.

Braskamp, 3,147,639 utilizes a spring-biased ball 15 for engagement with selected recesses 6. This patent utilizes the spring 14 to permit indexing of the eccentric components, and the movable plates held together by a central shaft having a spring biasing the plates is not suggested.

Song, et al, 6,468,036 discloses an adjustable swinging crank, but the ball 78 and recesses 72 are arranged on the periphery of the rotating component, and the structural features and advantages of economical manufacturer are not present.

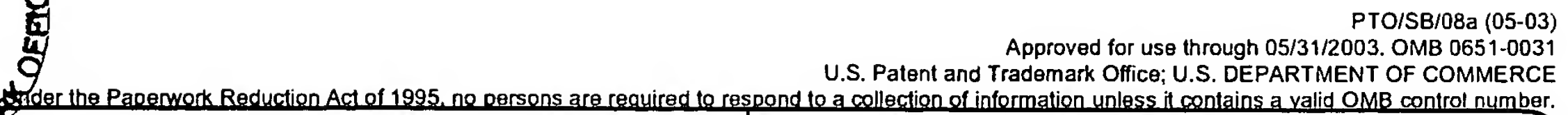
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